TOWN OF WILTON SELECTMEN'S MINUTES

Date:

January 5, 2015

Time:

6:30 P.M.

Place:

Town Office

Present:

Chairman William F. Condra and Selectman Richard E. Swanson. Recording Secretary

Pamela Atwood. Kermit R. Williams was absent.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Chairman Condra.

Chairman Condra talked about the Current Use Exiting Penalty. He equated it to a method of deferred taxation. If the Town votes to give a portion of this tax to the Conservation Commission that is one thing but, he stated, it is not a given. Selectman Swanson thinks of Current Use land like conservation land and like developable land when taken out of Current Use. He feels that money could be set aside when it's taken out of Current Use to acquire some future conservation land. They discussed further the value of conservation land and land that can be developed.

Selectman Swanson would like to have a map available when they discuss the Warrant Article being proposed by the Conservation Commission. He would like the map to depict all land classifications including developable land, conservation land, and Current Use land. Chairman Condra stated that as the amount of conservation land goes up, the amount of developable land goes down; he feels we need a balance of property. Selectman Swanson said that depends on what we want our community character to be. There is approximately \$42,000 in the Conservation Land Acquisition Fund now. They decided to discuss this Warrant Article request with a full Select Board.

Next, they went through the file of requested Warrant Articles and decided they were not interested in two of them: First; a request to reform state funding for education; and second; a request for a Community Bill of Rights Ordinance.

The other proposed Warrant Articles discussed where one to increase the Veteran's Exemption from \$250 to \$350 and two articles for the Library drainage problem.

Chairman Condra will ask at the next Water Commissioner's meeting if there is a reason why credit balances can't be kept on account when overpayment of water bills are received.

The Selectmen had a discussion about who was responsible for shoveling the Town Hall steps and sidewalk. They both agreed that it is the responsibility of the Department of Public Works, however; the money can come out of the budget line item in the Town Hall budget.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 P.M. by Selectman Swanson, seconded by Chairman Condra, followed by a vote with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted;

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Pamela L. Atwood, Recording Secretary

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Kermit R. Williams (absent)	Date Signed